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SUBJECT: REPORTED SEIZURE OF USG CARGO BY GOG OFFICIALS

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MILITARY SEA LIFT
COMMAND (MSC) THAT THE PRUDENTIAL GRACE LINE SHIP SS LASH
ESPANA ARRIVED PIRAEUS JULY 19 WITH 7 BARGE LOADS OF
AMMUNITION FOR GREECE PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 3 BARGE LOADS OF
AMMUNITION FOR TURKEY, BOTH SHIPPED UNDER USG BILLS OF
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LADING. GREEK AUTHORITIES INSISTED THAT ALL AMMUNITION

BE OFF-LOADED AND BACKED THIS DEMAND WITH PRESENCE OF GREEK WARSHIP. THE 3 BARGES OF AMMUNITION DESTINED FOR TURKEY ARE REPORTEDLY BEING HELD IN THE EXPLOSIVE ANCHORAGE AT PORT OF PIRAEUS. ADDITIONALLY, IT IS REPORTED THAT GREEKS HAVE REFUSED TO PERMIT LASH ESPANA TO DEPART PIRAEUS BECAUSE THE SHIP DOES NOT POSSESS A MANIFEST FOR THE TURKEY BOUND AMMUNITION. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHY THERE IS NO MANIFEST ABOARD BUT UNDERSTAND THAT MANIFEST MAY HAVE BEEN MAILED TO DESTINATION IN TURKEY. MILITARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TERMINAL SERVICE (MTMTS) IS NOW REPORTEDLY DEVELOPING DETAILED MANIFEST COVERING TURKISH AMMUNITION SHIPMENT FOR DELIVERY TO GREEK AUTHORITIES AND IN ORDER TO SECURE RELEASE OF THE SHIP.

2. REQUEST AMBASSADOR MAKE APPROACH AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL WITHIN GOG IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE RELEASE OF SHIP AND IMPOUNDED AMMUNITION BARGES. KISSINGER

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